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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP WORKING PARTY ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. WORKING PARTY AT ITS MEETING ON AUG 21 GAVE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TO A PROPOSED QUESTIONNAIRE PREPARED BY MR. DRUCKS PURSUANT TO WORKING PARTY MEETING AUG 7 (REFTEL). (INFO COPIES WILL BE SENT DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR COMMENT FOLLOWING SOME CLARIFICATION AND SHORTENING).

2. AS REQUESTED, DRUCKS HAD PREPARED QUESTIONS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO IMPRESS UPON SAS THE DEEP INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF THE GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES IN THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ECOSOC DECISION FOR AN IN DEPTH STUDY. THREE CATEGORIES OF QUESTIONS PROPOSED: THOSE RELATING TO STRENGTHENING OF UN SYSTEM; THOSE EMPHASIZING NEED FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AND; THOSE CONCERNED WITH

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COLLABORATION WITH INTER-SECRETARIAT COORDINATING ORGANS (IOB).

3. ALTHOUGH US CHAIRMAN OF WORKING PARTY FOUND LINE OF QUESTIONING GENERALLY APPROPRIATE, ALBEIT SUBJECT TO SOME CLARIFICATIONS AND DELETIONS, OTHER WORKING PARTY MEMBERS WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF QUESTIONS WITHOUT FIRST REFERRING THEM TO CAPITALS. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO TIMING I.E. SHOULD QUESTIONNAIRE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING COMPLETION OF THE IN DEPTH STUDY. THEY ALSO WONDERED WHETHER GENEVA GROUP INVOLVEMENT IN STUDY MIGHT TEND TO AROUSE SUSPICION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ALL MEMBERS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN A POSITIVE WAY, EITHER BY QUESTIONNAIRE OR BY SOME UNNAMED ALTERNATIVE MEANS, FOR GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SAS THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ECOSOC DECISION.

4. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT DELAYING ACTION UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF IN DEPTH STUDY WOULD GREATLY REDUCE VALUE OF EXERCISE - IN EFFECT AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY MIGHT BE LOST. RE QUESTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY ATTITUDES, CHAIRMAN RECALLED THAT GENEVA GROUP HAD UPON SEVERAL PAST OCCASIONS EMPHASIZED IT SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF TO A GREATER EXTENT WITH MATTERS OF MANAGEMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS PRECISELY IN ORDER TO COUNTER-ACT UNFORTUNATE REPUTATION OF GROUP AS SOLELY A BUDGET WATCHING SOCIETY. ECOSOC DECISION RE IN DEPTH STUDY HAD BEEN ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND REPRESENTED INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION. GENEVA GROUP'S SUPPORT OF STUDY WOULD THUS BE IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS AND IF PROPERLY HANDLED COULD ENHANCE GROUP'S REPUTATION.

5. WORKING PARTY MEMBERS AGREED TO CONSULT THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND MEET AGAIN ASAP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.BASSIN

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